

Report 05.702

25 November 2005

File: E/6/12/2

Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 24 November 2005, at 9.30 am.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Baber, Buchanan, Kirton, Turver.
Messrs Dalziell, Read, and Southey.

Officers Present:

I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Robertson, N Shakespeare, T Taylor, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 81 Apology

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee

Accept the apology from Mr McQueen.

RSW 82 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

RSW 83 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 05.533) held on 13 September 2005.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of Item 4 – Awhea Opouawe Catchment Scheme Classification Review (Report 05.625) until Stephen Frank's expected arrival at 11.00am.

Matters for Committee Decision

**RSW 84 Montford Trimble Foundation – Rewanui
Request for Pest Management Assistance**

Report 05.640

File: WB/02/13/02

Messrs Ian Campbell and Stu Orme, Chairman and Forest Manager respectively of the Montford Trimble Foundation were in attendance and spoke of the Foundation's desire for support and commitment to a joint Key Native Ecosystem pest control programme long term at Rewanui. Montford Trimble Foundation were seeking an initial cost of \$14,000 towards the programme.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Read)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report and attached letter.*
- (3) Agrees to support a joint KNE pest management programme with the Montford Trimble Foundation with the associated financial commitment.*

RSW 85 Regional Pest Management Strategy – Operational Report 2004/05

Report 05.629

File: WB/01/11/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

- (1) Approve, as the delegated Management Agency, the Annual Report on the implementation of the 2004/2005 Operational Plan for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.*
- (2) Approve a copy of the report being forwarded to relevant Ministers.*
- (3) Approve the report being made available for public inspection.*

Morning tea: 10.50am

Resumed: 11.05am

RSW 86 Awhea Opouawe Catchment Scheme Classification Review

Report 05.625

File: WO/03/30/03

Stephen Franks of Tawini Station was in attendance and expressed his concerns at the proposed changes to the Scheme's rating classification.

Mr Franks questioned the basis for using land area classification and suggested capital value would be a better method. He supported the Scheme and was happy to pay rates but only if the rates were based on sound principles.

Cr Buchanan left the meeting at 11.36am.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Read)

That the Committee:

Defer consideration of the proposed reclassification rating until the next meeting when further information will be available.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 87 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 05.635

File: WS/08/05/01

Concerning 3.4

Responding to a query from the Committee's appointed members, the Council Chairman agreed to ensure that appointed members received relevant papers and feedback on outcomes of issues and decisions of Greater Wellington.

Concerning 6.11

Reference was made to the issue of contestability where other regions were not experiencing the same shortage of tenderers for possum control operations as was occurring in the Wellington region. Contractors not tendering for contracts in this region appeared to be an ongoing issue.

The Chairman asked officers to prepare a report for the next meeting.

The Divisional Manager orally reported on two additional items where Fiona Bancroft, Biosecurity Officer was currently spending a month on the outer islands of the Chatham Islands studying petrel birdlife on behalf of the Department of Conservation, and it was also pleasing to advise the Committee that Sir Roy McKenzie was proposing to make a significant donation to Greater Wellington towards Key Native Ecosystem work in this region.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Read)

That the Committee

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the report.*

- RSW 88** **Financial Report for the Four Months to 31 October 2005**
- Report 05.630** **File: WS/08/05/01**
- Resolved* *Cr Kirton/Mr Read*
- That the Committee*
- (1) *Receive the report.*
- (2) *Note the contents of the report.*
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- RSW 89** **Annual Rook Control Report 2005**
- Report 05.623** **File: WB/02/17/01**
- Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*
- That the Committee*
- (1) *Receive the report.*
- (2) *Note the contents of the report.*
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- RSW 90** **Regional Council Input into District Planning**
- Report 05.631** **File: WP/02/14/02**
- Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)*
- That the Committee*
- Receive the information.*
- Cr Long and Mr Read took no part and did not vote.
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- RSW 91** **Resource Consents (Non Notified)**
- Report 05.624** **File: WP/03/06/01**
- Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)*
- That the Committee*
- (1) *Receive the report.*

(2) *Note the contents of the report.*

RSW 92 Questions

Cr Turver requested confirmation that the holding of the next meeting of the Committee would occur in Kapiti.

The Chairman confirmed that the February meeting of the Committee would be held in Kapiti.

RSW 93 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: